Report and Minutes of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways

SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK (ORISSA): Madam, I lay on the table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the First Report and Minutes of the Standing Committee on Railways (1996-97) on 'Budgetary Support to Railways' of the Ministry of Railways (Railway Board).

MOTION FOR ELECTION TO THE INDIAN NURSING COUNCIL

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): Madam, On behalf of SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI, I move the following Motion:—

> "That in pursuance of clause (o) of sub-section (1) of Section 3 of the Indian Nursing Council Act, 1947 (48 of 1947), this House do procced to elect, in such manner as the Chairman may direct, one member from among the members of the House to be a member of the Indian Nursing Council."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Madam, give him direction. Let the Hon. Minister make a statement in the House.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): Mr. Prakash Ambedkar.

SHRI PRAKASH YASHWANT AMBEDKAR (Nominated): Madam, I cannot speak in this din.

...(Interruptions).

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): You have not got the permission. You ask the Chairman. Please go back to your seats. .... *(Interruptions)*

Please go back to your seats. *...(Interruptions)*

No, this will not go on record. *...(Interruptions)*

Please ask for permission. No. *...(Interruptions)*

I will permit only Mr. Prakash Ambedkar. *...(Interruptions)*

No. You please go back to your seats. I will allow him. You are not listening to me. You go back to your seats. I will allow him. *...(Interruptions)*

What is this?

Now, the Minister is not saying anything. What do you want me to do? I cannot force the Minister to say anything. The Minister is not replying... *(Interruptions)*

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Give directions to the Centre to intervene and settle the dispute between the two States. *...(Interruptions)*

Let the hon. Minister give an assurance that he will expedite the matter. *...(Interruptions)*

THE VICE CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTI NATARAJAN): I am not preventing him. The Minister can speak if he wants to. I cannot force him to speak.

DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:*

THE VICE CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTI NATARAJAN): He is not going on record.

DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Madam, let the hon. Minister make a statement. *...(Interruptions)*...

SHRI SATCHIDANANDA (Karnataka): Now it is the turn of Members from Karnataka. Your turn is over.

DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD (ANDHRA PRADESH): Madam, please give us five minutes.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): Please listen to me. There is a Calling Attention Motion. No permissions are granted today. Honourable

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*Not recorded.

Chairman has made an exception in one case. So, please go back to your seats. You should have asked the Chairman in the morning. You should have asked the Honourable Chairman for permission in the morning. ...(*Interruptions*)... You should have asked the Honourable Chairman in the morning. ...(*Interruptions*)... The problem is, if I allow you...(*Interruptions*) It is not possible to have a debate because you have not taken permission from the Honourable Chairman. If I allow, you, then, I have to allow the Members from Karnataka also. I can't do that. I am sorry ...(*Interruptions*)... Please go back to your seats...(*Interruptions*)... This is not going on record...(*Interruptions*)... No, I am sorry. I am sorry, I can't do that. I can't do that because I have to allow other Members also. I can't do that. If I allow you. I have to allow the Members from Karnataka also. Now, I cannot allow a debate. I am sorry...(*Interruptions*)... Please go back to your seats. If you go back to your seats. I will permit the Minister to speak.

जल संसाधन मंत्री (श्री जनेश्वर मिश्र): मैडम, ...(व्यवधान)

SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA (Bihar): Don't behave like this.

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: What "Don't behave like this"?...(*Interruptions*)...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): If the Minister wants to speak let him speak...(*Interruptions*)... Mr. Ahluwalia what is your point.

SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Madam, I am on a point of information. I had raised a very important issue in this House.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): But let the Minister say something.

SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Listen to me. ...(*Interruptions*)... Listen to me. Listen to me. Then only I will allow the Minister to speak.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): You can't say. "Then only I will allow the Minister to speak." It is for me to allow the Minister to speak. It is not for you to allow him to speak. I am regulating this House.

SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Madam, on the 17th July I had raised a very important issue regarding the Siachen glacier. That is a matter of national security. The Defence Minister has not come forward to make a statement in this House.

THE VICE CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): Please sit down.

SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA:*

THE VICE CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): Please sit down...(*Interruptions*)... Please sit down. This won't go on record. What he is saying will not go on record. Please sit down.

Please sit down. Please sit down. ...(*Interruptions*)... It is the Minister's right to speak. If he wants to speak he can speak. Please sit down. I am overruling your point of order. ..(*Interruptions*)... It is not going on record. It is not going on record. ...(*Interruptions*)... Mr Ahluwalia please sit down. ...(*Interruptions*)... Mr. Ahluwalia please sit down. What you are saying is not going on record. Please sit down. Please sit down. ...(*Interruptions*)... Please sit down. I am not allowing a debate. The Minister has a right to speak if he wants to speak. ...(*Interruptions*)... I have allowed the Minister of Water Resources to speak. ...(*Interruptions*)... I am not allowing you. Please sit down. Please sit down. ...(*Interruptions*)... Please don't use these words. ...(*Interruptions*)... Please don't use these words. ...(*Interruptions*)... I have allowed the Minister to speak not you. Please sit down. Please sit down.

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SHRI S.M. KRISHNA (karnataka): Madam, I have a point of order. (*Interruptions*). I should also be heard as we have heard you.

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Afterwards. You are most welcome. (*Interruptions*).

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): Please let the Minister speak. Mr. Fernandes, we have to take up the calling-attention matter. (*Interruptions*). Mr. Ambedkar, let this matter be over.

SHRI S.M. KRISHNA: Yesterday, the High Court of Andhra Pradesh gave a decision.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): Is that your point of order?

SHRI S.M. KRISHNA: I am making my submissions on the very point of order which has been raised by the weighty Members of this House.

AN HON. MEMBER: Is a discussion allowed?

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): I have not allowed a discussion. He is raising a point. Let me hear. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI S.M. KRISHNA:....The Minister is being brow-beaten.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): That is not a point of order. I will not allow. Mr. Minister, you may speak now. (*Interruptions*). Let the Minister speak now. (*Interruptions*). Mr. Minister, if you want to say anything, you can say it now. That will close the matter. (*Interruptions*). Please sit down, all of you. Mr. Minister.

श्री जनेश्वर मिश्रः मैडम, माननीय अहलुवालिया जी ने हम पर आरोप लगाया कि हमें मैनीपुलेट किया गया।

श्री एस०एस० अहलुवालियाः मैंने आप पर नहीं आरोप लगाया। (**व्यवधान**)

श्री जनेश्वर मिश्रः जो मैनीपुलेट किया जाता है और जिसको किया जाता है और जो करता है, आरोप दोनों पर हो जाता है। इस माननीय सदन को मैं यह बताना चाहता हूं कि मैं कम से कम उस मिट्टी का नहीं बना हूं कि मुझे जल्दी से मैनीपुलेट किया जा सके।...(**व्यवधान**)

श्री एस०एस० अहलुवालियाः मंत्री महोदय, आप इस सदन में आए किसलिए थे?

उपसभाध्यक्ष (श्रीमती जयन्ती नटराजन): मि० अहलुवालिया, प्लीज, सिट डाउन।

श्री एस०एस० अहलुवालियाः अगर आप ऐसी बात कर रहे हैं तो आप यह बताएं की आपका कोई बिजनैस नहीं था, आपको स्पेशली इसीलिए बुलाया गया और आपको ला कर यह स्टेटमेंट दिलाया गया। अगर आपको स्टेटमेंट देना था तो पहले नोटिस दीजिए।

उपसभाध्यक्ष (श्रीमती जयन्ती नटराजन): नो, प्लीज़।

श्री जनेश्वर मिश्रः मैडम, अभी हमारे मंत्रालय का एक कालिंग अटेंशन है जिसके लिए मैं बैठा हूं। तो इसलिए यह अन्याय मत कीजिए कि क्यों आए थे। हम इन लोगों के मुद्दे को जवाब देने के लिए आए भी नहीं थे और जवाब देंगे भी नहीं। इन लोगों ने प्रधान मंत्री जी को देख करके अलमत्ती डैम को ले करके शोर मचाया। आम तौर से शून्यकाल में जो कोई भी मुद्दा उठाया जाता है, मंत्री नियमतः उसका जवाब देने के लिए मजबूर नहीं है। इसलिए हमारे ऊपर कोई मजबूरी नहीं है। लेकिन मैडम, जिस तरह से माननीय सदस्य कुएं की तरफ चले जा रहे थे अपनी सीट छोड़ करके और आग्रह कर रहे थे आन्ध्र प्रदेश के हाई कोर्ट के फैसले को ले करके, वह फैसला अभी तक सरकार को मालूम नहीं है, केवल अखबार में छपा है। इसलिए उसको ले करके कोई बयान नहीं दिया जा सकता।

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): Now, Mr. Prakash Ambedkar.

SHRI S.M. KRISHNA: Madam, I nave a personal explanation

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): Mr. Krishna, there is no need.

SHRI S.M. KRISHNA: I hold the hon. Minister in high esteem.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): Personal explanation for what?

SHRI S.M. KRISHNA: He has taken whatever I had submitted earlier amiss. Therefore, I would like to set the record straight. I hold Shri Janeshwar Ji in very high esteem. We had been comrades in the socialist movement. I never meant any illwill when I made my submissions.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): Mr. Prakash Ambedkar. The Chairman has permitted him to speak as a special case because he is retiring.

RE: EXPRESSION OF THANKS BY RETIRING MEMBER

SHRI PRAKASH YASHWANT AMBEDKAR (Nominated): Madam, every Member who retires is given a chance to speak. Well, I am utilising this opportunity to thank all the Members for the cooperation and the affection that they have shown to me.

Madam, I have been in social life for the last ten, twelve years. I would like to put on record that what I faced in the last ten, twelve years, is now taking a concrete shape in this country. We are caught up between the twin leadership an individual leader and a community leader. I have faced it in the social and political spheres also. But even while facing it I have received support from those people also who have been opposing me. We are on the threshold of a new era and the new era is that the generation which was born after independence, is now by a natural process, replacing the older generation, who have either fought for in the political sphere or in the social sphere. The bond of freedom which existed in the older generation, is slowly and slowly vanishing away. Today, as I see, we are again on a new threshold, facing the old facts of life where a leader of the community is more important than an individual. Madam, as I said earlier, I have been a victim of this politics all along. I have friends on both sides. But when I started my social career, I decided that I would always be with the opposition and not with the ruling party with a view to developing the opposition so that there is a transformation in the society and the people instead of looking at the community, start looking at the individual leadership. I had an opportunity to come to this House much earlier. The friends on the other side had offered me this opportunity but I had declined the offer. The reason was that there was one issue which was taken up by my grand father. He wanted the individuality to be respected not by the lower classes but by the upper classes. But today I find that the transformation of society is directed towards changing the attitude of the lower classes of the society. I take this opportunity of putting on record this fact that what is necessary is that the attitude of the upper classes should also be changed. As a stated earlier, this is one area which has been concerning me a lot. There are other issues also which I would not like to raise because the other hon. Members had already raised them. We are facing conflicting issues in which the personal life has to be decided. While expressing my thanks to the hon. Members, I must also thank the Secretariat, specially the Secretary-General. When I was hospitalised, she had taken care to ask for a report every week as to what progress has been made by me. Even when I was hospitalised for the second time for the second operation, the doctors were worried not because of the operation, but they were worried because of the Secretary-General. They were worried because she was always making enquiries as to what was happening and what was not happening. I express my gratitude to her and I thank